

APPLICANTS' REMARKS MADE IN AN AMENDMENT

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Amendment mailed on June 3, 2008 and the Supplemental Examiner's Amendment mailed on July 30, 2008. In reviewing the two Examiner's Amendments, it appears that further corrections would be helpful:

In the Examiner Interview discussion of July 5, 2007 regarding the proposed Examiner Amendment, Applicant had suggested, and the Examiner agreed to, adding --decoded—as indicated, but this change was not in the Examiner Amendment of June 3, 2008..

Accordingly, claim 18, as amended, implements the following change:
at line 9 after "store information of the plurality of" please add --decoded--.

In the Examiner Amendment (July 30, 2008), the Examiner said, regarding claim 22:

Line 3 "an encoder that encodes the database transactions into electronic messages," has been deleted.

Line 6 after "the database"

--an encoder that encodes the database transactions into electronic messages;-- has been entered as a new line.

The above Examiner amendment conflicts with dependent claim 23, which also recites "an encoder".

In the Examiner Amendment (June 3, 2008), the Examiner said, regarding claim 22:

Lines 8-9 "the patent application" has been replaced by --an application service matter—has been added.

this would result in improper antecedent basis, since "an application service matter" had already been introduced earlier.

Accordingly, claim 22, as amended, implements the following changes:
at line 3 after "receive database transactions," please add --the database transactions being encoded into electronic messages, --

please delete after line 6 "an encoder that encodes the database transactions into electronic messages;"

please replace "an application service matter" with "the application service matter" in its second occurrence on lines 8-9.

Examiner Interview Summary

Examiner Pardo and Applicants' Attorney Charles Lemaire conducted a telephone Examiner Interview on July 24, 2008 to discuss a supplemental Examiner Amendment to clarify claim 22.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to claim 18 to clarify antecedent basis (as discussed with the Examiner July 5, 2007) and to claim 22 to clarify antecedent basis within claim 22 and between claim 22 and claim 23 should in no way affect the issuance of a patent. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney Charles Lemaire (952-435-0201) if he may in any way be of assistance in this matter.

If required and not otherwise provided herewith, please consider this a request for an extension of time for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers. If necessary, please charge any additional fees, or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502931.

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